

**REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on September 22, 2005. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 stands objected because of an informality. The Examiner states it is not clear in what sense at least one inner plug pin and one inner body pin move together. The claim has been amended to overcome the objection.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Eizen (268) in view of Mendelsohn (249).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Applicant respectfully feels that the rejection stems from the purported lack of clarity in the objection of claim 1 which has been overcome.

Applicant has amended claim 1 so it is clear that an outer plug pin (e.g., pin 344 in Fig. 3A) is formed with at least one recess (e.g., recess 390) configured and arranged such that, upon an attempted picking of said lock, a portion of at least one of the inner body pins (e.g., cylindrical portion 362 of inner body pin 330) tends to engage that recess (e.g., recess 390). These features are not disclosed or suggested by the combination of Eizen and Mendelsohn.

New independent claim 11 makes clear that an outer body pin (e.g., pin 524) is formed with at least one recess (e.g., recess 590) configured and arranged such that, upon an attempted picking of said lock, a portion of at least one of said inner plug pins (e.g., shoulder 592 of inner plug pin 546) tends to engage that recess (e.g., recess 590).

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Claims 2, 3 and 6-9 have been canceled as containing matter claimed in other claims.  
Claim 5 has been amended (and similarly claim 13 has been added) to recite the structure that engages the recess. Claims 10 and 12 have been added to recite the movement of the respective inner and outer pins together.

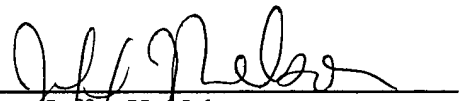
It is accordingly respectfully submitted that claims 1, 4, 5, and 10-13 are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' attorney. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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